



# Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Reporting Form

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1a	Is your agency adopting a single agency ordinance OR a regional agency alliance ordinance?	Single Agency Ordinance ▼
1b	Date of adoption OR anticipated adoption:	Final version to be adopted 1st/2nd quarter 2016. Current County Ordinance 859.3 meets or exceeds much of the State's requirements.
2a	Reporting period:	
2b	December 1, 2015 through December 28, 2015 (all agencies)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
2c	February 1, 2016 through February 28, 2016 (additional reporting period for agencies crafting regional ordinances with other agencies)	<input type="radio"/>
3a	Are you using:	a locally modified Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO) ▼
3b	For agencies who have adopted a modified WELO	
3c	Is it at least as efficient as MWELo?	Yes ▼
3d	URL for your WELO	<a href="http://www.rivcocob.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/859.3.pdf">http://www.rivcocob.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/859.3.pdf</a>
3e	List major changes from the State's MWELo	Restricts turf in the front yards of new residential development and all residential is budgeted at .50ETo.
3f	If specific types of projects are exempt (other than those already specified in MWELo), state what they are and the sections of the ordinance that they are exempt from.	None.
3g	Have elements from other regulations been incorporated (e.g., tree shading percent coverage requirement, stormwater capture requirements).	No ▼
3h	If yes, describe:	
4	If other agencies are implementing the ordinance, explain their role:	NA
5	Permitted projects subject to the ordinance during the reporting period (*e.g., single family residences, commercial projects, landscape retrofits for which permits were finalized during the reporting period, etc.):	single family residences, commercial projects
6a	Total landscape area subject to the ordinance over the reporting period:	115,000.0
6b	Unit of Measure (sq. ft. or acres)	Square Feet ▼



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7a	During the reporting period, how many of the following types of projects did your agency issue final permits on:	
7b	new housing starts	61
7c	new commercial projects	4
7d	landscape retrofits	zero
8	Describe the procedure for review of projects subject to the ordinance:	New projects are required to submit a Landscape Concept Plan (LCP) which summarizes the landscape requirement and water budget at the tentative stage. Once a project is approved, the developer/applicant is required to submit full working landscape plans for review and approval prior to the issuance of a building permit.
9a	Describe actions taken to verify compliance:	Prior to building permit FINAL, each project must pass a landscape inspection where critical aspects of the landscape plans are verified including MV/FS, weather devices link to the irrigation controller, plant material water use(hydrozoned properly), irrigation audit (If applicable), etc.
9b	Is a plan check performed?	Yes ▼
9c	If so, by what entity?	Onsite and offsite landscape Plan checks are performed by a contract Landscape Architecture Firm under the County of Riverside TLMA - Transportation Department/Planning Department
10	Describe implementation and enforcement measures:	All new projects; all new and rehabilitated landscapes associated with commercial or industrial uses which require a discretionary permit and/or approval; projects greater than 2,500 which require a discretionary permit and/or approval are required to submit full working landscape plans for review/approval and are required to pass a landscape inspection prior to occupancy. Most commercial is inspected again between 6-12 months after occupancy.
11	Explain challenges to implementing and enforcing the ordinance:	It is extremely difficult to regulate the actions of the landscape maintenance contractor/manager once the County has passed a landscape inspection. In some instances, water saving devices may be changed, altered, or even removed.
12	Describe educational and other needs to properly apply the ordinance:	Some Landscape Architects seem to lack the knowledge required to meet a established water budget and usually are not familiar with the water purveyor's additional water requirements. Most Landscape Contractors have little to no idea about the State/local requirements associated with the Ordinance/WELO.
13	Additional Comments:	Riverside County has been a leader in water conservation Countywide. The County and local water purveyors have established the Riverside County Water Task Force whose mission "is to ensure reliability, sustainability, and quality of the water resources within Riverside County through stakeholder communication and collaboration. The Task Force tracks and responds to legislation concerning water supply issues and is involved in seeking solutions to state and local water related issues".

[Please submit reports, including a copy of your local water efficient landscape ordinance, via email to WELO@water.ca.gov by December 31, 2015. Agencies preparing a regional ordinance must submit an additional report by March 1, 2016. For questions, please call Ms. Julie Saare-Edmonds at \(916\) 651-9676.](#)